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in and two Adi-Dravidas come in and offer fares, and if on that the twenty previous passengers get down, the bus will travel with the last mentioned two persons."

The Raja of Ramnad :—" I do not suggest any such thing. I wanted to know the effect if twenty people refuse to purchase tickets in case there were two Adi-Dravidas who had already purchased tickets."

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" In such a case, I consider it is not open to the bus driver so long as the number of persons entitled to travel is not exceeded to refuse money for tickets from any one ; supposing for instance that two persons who wanted to purchase tickets are Adi-Dravidas, and twenty persons stand there instead of getting in, it will be the look-out of the bus driver to start or not."

Mr. R. Veerian :—" When they themselves had admitted that what they did in the matter was wrong, I want to know why now at least the Government cannot come to the rescue of the poor depressed classes by cancelling the licence of the bus company so as to teach them a lesson ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" It is not a question of coming to the rescue of the depressed classes. I hope it will be admitted that these things cannot be done all at once. Of course, Government have impressed upon all these persons and upon all District Magistrates and other functionaries who are authorized to issue licences that very strict and stern notice will be taken of such conduct. Hon. Members cannot expect persons to change their manners and modes of life and of conduct all of a sudden. The Government will take care to see that such things do not recur."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—" Is it not a fact that at present the district boards do not issue licences to bus-owners unless they agree to the insertion of a clause that they will not refuse to carry Adi-Dravida passengers. I believe in the North Arcot such is the case."

The hon. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar :—" The Motor Vehicles Rules framed by the Government, I believe, have got such a provision."

Newspapers.

Publication of Government advertisements.

* 423 Q.—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) the names of newspapers in which Government advertisements are published ;

(b) whether all the Madras Dailies are given such advertisements and if not, what are the reasons for excluding some ; and

(c) whether any orders have been passed regulating the publication of advertisements by subordinate officers and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay them on the table of the House ?

A.—(a) The Government have not prescribed a list of newspapers in which Government advertisements should be published.

(b) Such newspapers only as are not unsuitable in the opinion of the Government are given advertisements.

(c) The Government are not prepared to publish their orders on the subject.

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Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" As regards clause (a) will the Government be pleased to state whether a list of newspapers in which Government advertisements should not appear, has been prescribed ? The main question asks for a positive answer as to the names of newspapers, but the answer given is a negative one."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" There is such a list."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" As regards (b) the answer is a little defective. The question is whether all the Madras Dailies are given such advertisements and, if not, what are the reasons for excluding some. For that there is no answer. I wanted to know the reasons for excluding some papers, but the reasons given in the answer are for including some newspapers."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" It is obvious from the answer given that all the Madras Dailies are not given advertisements."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Therefore I take it that the Government does not object to give us the list. I want a specific answer to my question. May I take it that it is correct to say that some newspapers are not given advertisements ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" That is a fact."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" If so, will not the Government tell us what those dailies are for our information ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" It is very difficult to say any such thing. Government advertisements cover a very wide field. Take for instance the High Court. It is open to the parties to ask the Court that advertisements should be inserted in paper A, paper B, or paper C, and sometimes individual Judges of the High Court have declined to insert advertisements in paper A or B as required. Other hon. Judges have said that they would issue advertisements only to some papers presumably acting on principles which they have laid down for themselves. Where the Government comes in such matters it is not easy to see. Whenever Government have to advertise they select some newspapers and send them to such papers."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" My object was only to ask for information about Government advertisements. The High Court advertisements are private advertisements which are disposed of according to the discretion of the Judges. I am referring to Government advertisements, and I ask if there is any rule governing the selection of these newspapers and if so what those rules are ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" There is no rule except the discretion of the Government having regard to the circumstances of each case."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Is the rule applicable to each case or is there a general rule ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" It is more or less general."

Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—" May I know if the politics of a paper has anything to do with the suitability or unsuitability for Government advertisements ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" So far as I remember, subject to verification, what was said with regard to this question was that the Indian Chamber of Commerce had been started for some particular purpose, namely, with reference to the then impending Bill, that it had not been in existence for a long time, that it was not known whether it was transacting commercial or any other business, and that it was started merely to get the right of representation on the board. Now whether it has done anything more or whether it has transacted any business afterwards is a matter on which I will have to satisfy myself. So after looking into the whole matter if the Government are satisfied with the purpose for which the Indian Chamber was formed and if they also find that its scope has been extended, then the matter of introducing a Bill will be considered."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" So far as my information goes, it seems to me that the Chamber has addressed the Government on certain matters concerning the trade at Tuticorin and the Tuticorin Port Trust Board. If so, the Government may have some knowledge of the activities of the Chamber. In such a case a Bill may be introduced."

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" That will be considered."

Landing and shipping dues at Tuticorin.

* 421 Q.—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of landing and shipping dues for coal at Tuticorin Port is six annas per ton, while the rate for other goods is eleven annas three pies generally ;

(b) if so, the reason for the same ; and

(c) whether the difference in rates obtains also in other ports in the Presidency ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The rate was reduced in 1924 on the recommendation of the Port Conservancy Board in view of the decrease in revenue from coal since the rate was enhanced.

(c) Yes.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" With reference to the answer given in clause (b), may I know whether the desired effect has been obtained ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" So we are told."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Is it with a view to getting more coal or getting more revenue the Government reduced the tax ? "

The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I take it that both the motives animated those responsible for the action."

Motor Vehicles Act.

Alleged refusal of a bus service company to convey an Adi-Dravida.

* 422 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pachayappan Motor Service Company running from Tiruvannamalai to Samalpatti refused utterly to take into the